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For: ROUTER APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH OUTPUT PORT CIRCUIT INCLUDING

STORAGE UNIT, AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING OUTPUT PORT CIRCUIT OF

ROUTER APPARATUS

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant agrees that the combination of features recited in each of the independent claims is patentable. To the extent that the Examiner's reasons for allowance are inconsistent with or add additional limitations to the claims, Applicant respectfully disagrees because the claims define the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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